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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR All L-DENTAC Personnel

SUBJECT: Landstuhl Dental Activity (L-DENTAC) Safety Policy Letter 04-19

This memorandum expires 1 year from date of publication

1. Safety of patients, visitors, and staff members is one of our greatest responsibilities. It is based on our mission, reputation and professional commitment to taking care of people and providing them top quality dental care. As patients entrust to our care their life and health, it is our very first obligation to do the sick no harm.
2. Accordingly, safety is utmost critical to our operational excellence. In all L-DENTAC operations we must create and maintain a culture that views accidents as preventable. We must provide and maintain a safe, functional, and effective environment of care. Safe work practices must be an operational characteristic of any work we perform. Before jobs and tasks can be assigned and work begins, hazards and risk in the environment of care must be detected, eliminated or effectively controlled.
3. Responsibilities for safety and effective management of the environment of care must be accepted by all L-DENTAC members. Our efforts must reflect a team orientation and sharing of responsibility, while leaders and supervisors at all levels act as safety officers for their organizational element. However, when off duty, we must set a good example by following safety rules, particularly when driving vehicles or participating in sports and other activities with an increased potential for accidents.
4. I solicit and expect all L-DENTAC staff members to actively and continuously demonstrate a high level of safety awareness to ensure their personal safety, the safety of patients and others.

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MARK E. PEACOCK
Colonel, DC
Commanding